

**Advisory Opinion**  
**Insulin Delegation in the School Setting**

The Nevada State Board of Nursing supports the following procedure regarding the delegation of insulin in the school setting.

In cases where a student requires practitioner-prescribed insulin in order to participate in school activities or field trips, and a licensed nurse is not available to administer the insulin, the school nurse may delegate the administration of the prescribed dose of insulin to an unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) who is an employee of the school district and whom the school nurse has trained and deemed qualified under the provisions of NAC 632.

In order for delegation of insulin administration to be carried out by a UAP, the school nurse must first develop a written, individualized student health plan which includes clearly defined parameters for insulin dosage calculation and administration. In addition, there must be a school nurse available to the UAP delegate at all times to provide consultation regarding the student's dosage, measures to be taken for managing student symptoms or complications, and to give direction if questions arise regarding safe and appropriate management of the student.

In school districts where a school nurse is not available for hire and pupil enrollment is less than 5,000, a registered nurse who does not have an endorsement as a school nurse but who meets the provisions of NAC 391.307, may delegate the administration of practitioner-prescribed insulin to a UAP.

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